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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled **System and Method For Providing Automatic Data Restoration After A Storage Device Failure**, the specification of which (check one):

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 was filed on as

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<u>Application</u> <u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Filed</u>	<u>Status</u>
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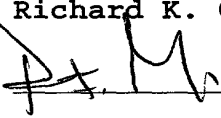
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